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## How was the Prophet Treating his Wives? --- ---

All of us wonder about the way the Messenger (PBUH) was with his wives. How he dealt with them? How he treated them equally?

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The Prophet (PBUH) accomplished the happiness to every one of them; that is because he knew how to deal with women and he penetrated deeply into her sensitive soul and went on apostrophizing her with the warmth of passion and assisted her to work for her religion and her life. And what about his wives-the Mothers of all believers -? If we searched to know about their lives, we will find that most of the books describe the Prophet's wives with a common quality; fasting a lot and spending their nights praying. So they were privileged with their nearness from Allah and in apostrophizing him all night , that's why they deserved this great honor ,they deserved to be the Mothers of all believers, wives of the beloved Prophet(PBUH) in this life and in the hereafter.

But what about us? I know that a lot of the readers are married, and if not, they can see what is going on in most of the marriages these days, noticing their parents, relatives, and friends. Why marital happiness is rare in our days? Is it our time's fault? No, it is our fault, both men and women.

The fact is that we ruined our lives by materialism, by forgetting our religion, our Islamic civilization, and the teachings of the Prophet (PBUH). We forgot our love to Allah and committed sins publicly; our eyes and hearts do not blink for a moment that Allah is watching us.

Then ,What can we do now to let happiness come back to our marital lives?

There is only one way; the way of Allah and his Prophet (PBUH). This will make everyone happy with his partner in their marital life, and feel the meaning of the marital happiness that Almighty Allah created.

From here, dear brothers and sisters, I thought of this series “The Prophet as a husband,” to let every husband and wife who became far from each other restore love again. I hope you will follow up this series. All prayers, blessings, and peace of Allah upon Muhammad, his family, and companions.



## Pampering his Wives and Treating them Kindly

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We all read about the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the fields of education, faith, politics, war, or economy but seldom was written or published about his life (PBUH) inside his house and his relationship with his wives. A person well informed about the familial relationships of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) finds out that it included meanings that we desperately miss in our present time. These meanings would contribute to the stability of our homes and marriages. In this article we are giving some examples of Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) consideration to the feelings of his wives, his appreciation, and manifestation of love.

Calling one's wife with the name she loves the most or with a nickname or a musical name is one of the forms of pampering and being kind to one's wife. This can be seen in the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who, in a saying 'Hadith' that is agreed upon by scholars, used to say to his wife 'A'isha: "O 'A'ish, this is Gabriel saying peace be upon you, I replied," and may peace and Allah's Mercy and Blessings be upon him. You see what I don't" (She meant the messenger of Allah (PBUH)

He also used to call 'A'isha: (Homayraa') a short form of ("Hamraa') which, according to Ibn Kathir in The End 'Al Nehaya' , means the white skinned woman. Aldhahabi also said that "Hamraa'" in the language of the people of 'Hegaz' means white and blushing-a rare feature among them. So Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used to treat 'A'isha kindly and call her with lovely names.

From the prophetic traditions 'A'isha narrated about fasting, Imam Muslim reported that she said: 'The messenger of Allah (PBUH) used to kiss one of his wives while fasting, and then she laughs, may Allah be pleased with her.

In another prophetic tradition narrated by 'A'isha, she said that Muhammad (PBUH) said that the best of the believers is the one who is

best in manners and kindest to his own wife.

These sayings 'Hadiths' demonstrate how Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) cared for his wives and how well he treated 'A'isha, May Allah be pleased with her.

One of the forms of cuddling and well treating one's wife is feeding her with one's own hands. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: "Whatever you spend is considered charity even the mouthful that you put in your wife's mouth."

Even the food that one feeds one's wife with one's hands is considered an act of charity that is rewarded by Allah (SBWT) and not only an action that guarantees one her love and cooperation.

Cuddling and being kind to one's wife has a tremendous emotional effect on her. This action of following the example of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) costs a man nothing and grants him Allah's reward, his wife's love and cooperation. Therefore a man is commanded to cuddle and treat his wife kindly.

A man's nature dictates on him certain way of expressing his feelings and it is different from a woman's. A woman expresses her love with words like, I love you, I miss you, I need you, etc. On the other hand, a man expresses love in action and production and seldom with words. If a man wants to tell his wife that he loves her he buys her something she wants or brings some food and drinks or furniture to the house. According to a man, this is a form of love expression.

The generous Prophet has indeed overcome this negative trait in the nature of men. He used to describe his love and passion verbally for Lady 'A'isha, may Allah be pleased with her, treated her kindly, pampered her, and let his wives hear what they wished for from their beloved husband and this is a significant aspect in a man and wife's relationship. Ibn Assaker narrated on the authority of Lady 'A'isha, May Allah be pleased with her, that she said that the Prophet (PBUH) told her:



"Won't you be pleased to be my wife in this life and in the hereafter?", I said: "Yes," he said: "You are my wife in this life and the hereafter." Imagine Lady 'A'isha's emotions having heard the words that guaranteed her security, love, and peace in this life and in the hereafter.

Al 'Aas Ibn Al Rabee' the husband of Zainab the daughter of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) leaves Makah escaping Islam. She sends to him to return and embrace Islam. So He sends her a letter, an extract of which is: "By Allah, I don't see your father as an offender and I love nothing more than following the same rout with you dear beloved. However, I hate being said that your husband has let his people down. Would you consider this and pardon me?" The letter demonstrates that Al 'Aas loved Zainab and wanted to be with her in whatever road. Moreover he hated that people would talk in a way that displeases her. At the end he asks her to consider and pardon him, for the sake of that love Zainab managed to go to him and return with him a Muslim.

Some writers demonstrate the respect of the West to women by giving examples like a husband opening a car's door to his wife. Although this apparently is respect, yet, a mature person can see many aspects in which a woman is being offended and disrespected in the West. Muslims do not have the issue of man/woman conflict because they believe each one completes the other and that mutual respect is a must. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is our example in this. One time during his stay alone in adoration of Allah in the last ten days of Ramadan (observing I'tikaf), his wife Lady Safeya came to visit him and spoke with him for some time, then went to the door. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) led her to the door to say goodbye. In another narration, he told her: "Do not hurry to leave till I come with you." Her house was at Ussama's and he (PBUH) left with her. Respect is the source of continual love and stability in a family. Therefore we wish that it prevail between a man and his wife.

If spouses treated each other in such way, a marriage would definitely

be beautiful. We desperately need to leaf through the life of the Prophet (PBUH) and the Islamic history to discover the most beautiful theories in the art of marriage.



## The Prophet's Way of Applying Love

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To apply love between couples you need to be an inventor, a creative woman like Lady 'A'isha. Lady Safeya (May Allah be pleased with her) asked 'A'isha one day to try to let the Prophet excuse her because he was angry with her because of some matter and she will give 'A'isha her day. Lady 'A'isha wore a long saffron colored veil after and spread water on it to make it smell well. She went to the Prophet and sat beside him but he said: "A'isha , go now it is not your day." She said: "It's the favor of Allah being given to whom he want" and she told him the story.



A woman asked Lady 'A'isha about henna. She replied": My beloved (PBUH) loved its color and hated its smell." Notice how she used the love language in describing the Prophet's opinion.

From the Prophet's side, he has also his ways in applying love. Lady 'A'isha was asked about the first thing the Prophet was making when entering his home. She replied: he was using siwak (arak stick for



tooth cleaning). Narrated by Muslim

Some scholars said that the Prophet did that to kiss his wives when arriving home.

Al Bukhary narrated": Lady 'A'isha said that she was perfuming her husband; his head and beard. She was also combing the Prophet's hair even if she was menstruating."

Now some of men don't beautify themselves for their wives besides the bad smell of smoking persons. Some don't care for their bodies and armpits smell, clothes, hairs, and nails. They neglect embellishments towards their women.

Women have rights to see and smell all good from their husbands. Follow the Prophet's example in that matter and you will see how these things increases love between husbands and wives.

Ibn Abbas said that he was beautifying himself for his wife because it is her right to see him in his best conditions as he likes the same from her. Allah Almighty said: "And they (women) have rights (over their husbands) similar (to those of their husbands) over them to what is reasonable "(Al Bakara: 228)

Another example:

A woman came to Omar Ibn Elkhattab and asked him to divorce her from her husband. When the caliph saw him he knew the reason of his wife's hatred towards him. So he ordered him to have a bath, adjust his nails, his hair, and his clothes. His wife didn't recognize him at the beginning, and then she knew him and yielded the idea of divorce because she became very happy with this great change.

Yahia Ibn Abdelrahman Alhandhaly mentioned that he saw Muhammad Ibn Alhanafia in a red wrap and his beard was dropping some scents from it. When he asked him about that, he answered him that it is for the sake of his wife who likes to see him like that, the same way he likes to see her in.



Learn the ways of increasing love between you and your wife...Follow the example of the Prophet and his companions May Allah be pleased with them...

Apply what you like to see from your wife upon yourself to strengthen all love relationships and live a happy life...





No woman know a good marital companionship –as that companionship means in the perfectness of a person- as she knew of the Prophet of Allah (PBUH), which is clear in the Holy Quran in his attitude, sayings, and deeds.

The most things that specify the Prophet's morals with his wives were his good companionship, cheerfulness, joking with his family, laughing with his wives, mildness, and generosity.

Even when he was racing with' A'isha – mother of the believers, May Allah be pleased with her - in the desert in one of his trips, it was to show love to her by that. She said that the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) raced me and I won, that was before I gained some weight. Then I raced him after that and he won. He said:" we are equal."

Also, The Prophet used to gather his wives everyday in the house of the one he will spend the night with. He sometimes eats dinner with them then everyone leaves to her home. He used to sleep with his wife on the same sheets, take his rope off his shoulders and sleeps in his



loincloth. And After praying al 'Ishaa prayers (which is the last prayer of the day), he goes home and sits with his family a little before he goes to sleep.

Furthermore, The Prophet (PBUH) put the criterion of the best of men in the good treatment of men to their wives. He said: "the best one of you is the best to his family, and I am the best one of you to my family.

"Narrated by At-Tirmithy

That is because artificiality and pretension of high moral standards becomes weak when the person feels that he has authority and power, and becomes weaker when he stays a long time with whom he has authority upon. If the person keeps on his moral perfection in a society he has power upon and has continuous intimacy with, so this is the best person in morals.

If the Prophet (PBUH) is the best one for his family, so his companionship with them must be really perfect, in all what goodness means of moral perfection in behavior, love, justice, mercy, loyalty, and all what marital life demands in all conditions, situations and days as it was clarified in Books of Sunna, Merits, and the prophet's (PBUH) biography (Sirah Books). And this was indicated in the honorable Sunna in many of the Prophet's sayings regarding his behavior with his family and his treatment to them.

A- About the Prophet's love to them (his wives) Anas Bin Malek –may Allah be pleased with- says:

(1) The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) said: "the things that were rendered beloved to me in this life are; women, perfume, and my tranquility is in prayers."

Narrated by Ahmed and others.

(2) Amr Bin al Aas – May Allah be pleased with\_ asked the Prophet: "O Prophet of Allah who is the person you love most?" the Prophet re-



plied: "A'isha". Amr said: "And from men," he said: "her father," I said "Then who? He said "Umar", and he named other men, so I kept silent fearing to be the last one."

Narrated by At-Tirmithiy

B- About the Prophet's playing with his family, Aisha – may Allah be pleased with- says:

1) I used to play with dolls at the house of the prophet (PBUH) and my friends used to come and play with me and when he (PBUH) arrives, they leave, so he let them come in to play with me again."

Narrated by Al-Bukhary.

2) 'A'isha -May Allah be pleased with her- said: "the prophet of Allah (PBUH) was standing at the door of my room covering me with his rope so I can watch the Abyssinians playing in the mosque".

He was very much concerned of 'A'isha's young age who keens on having amusement".

3) We previously mentioned the hadith talking about the Prophet's race with 'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her- which shows the Prophet's kindness and mercy.

4) An example of his good companionship and the nobility of his morals: 'A'isha- May Allah be pleased with her - said: "when I drank while I was menstruating, and then give the cup to the Prophet (PBUH), he used to put his mouth where I put mine to drink." Narrated by Muslim



## The Patience of the Prophet (PBUH) with his Wives

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Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the ultimate human example on being patient with one's wife(s). In spite of his highness at Allah's sight and at people's, it has never been heard of a man who had more patience with his wife(s). Researching Prophet Muhammad's patience, you will come across enough evidence.

It was reported that Umar Bin Al Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said: "We-the tribe of Quraish- used to overpower our wives. When we were encountered by 'Al Ansar' we found out that the women overpowered the men. So our wives started to learn from 'Al Ansar's' women their ethics. So, once I vociferated to my wife and she disagreed with me, but I disapproved her disagreement. She said: "why do you disapprove? By Allah, the wives of the Prophet (PBUH) sometimes disagree with him and abandoned him for a whole day." Umar was dismayed and told her that whoever did this did it to her loss. Then he



went to Lady Hafsah and told her: O Hafsah, do any of you stay angry with the Prophet (PBUH) a whole day? She said: "Yes." He said: "You are in loss, don't you fear Allah's anger because of the Prophet's, so that you will be doomed?". This saying 'Hadith' is taken from Al Bukhary.

Note how Umar ,may Allah be pleased with him, was angry because of a simple disagreement from his wife, while the Prophet (PBUH) accepts the same from his wives with great patience being the generous Prophet and great 'Imam'.

Moreover, in such situations he used to treat them kindly. Lady 'A'isha, May Allah be pleased with her, said: "Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) told me: "I can tell when you are pleased with me and when you are not." I said: "How can you tell?" He said: "If you are pleased with me you swear saying: "No, by Muhammad's Lord" and if you are not, you swear saying: "No, by Abraham's Lord."" She said: "Yes by Allah, Prophet of Allah. I only can abandon your name."

This saying 'Hadith' is from Al Bukhari.

Anas, May Allah be pleased with him, reported: "The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) was with one of his wives then another wife sent him a plate of food. The one that the Prophet was at her home hit the hand of the servant who was carrying the plate. It fell down and broke into two pieces. The Prophet collected the broken pieces and the food and said: "Your mother [His wife] is jealous." He then kept the servant until he brought a new plate from the wife who broke the plate to give it to the other wife and kept the broken one at the home of the one who broke it."

Narrated by Al Bukhari

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) overlooked all the doings of his wives, forgave them and was ever patient, even though he was capable of leaving them and Allah would have compensated him with better worshiping, Muslim, believing women, virgins and non virgins as promised in case he divorced them.



“And (remember) when the Prophet disclosed a matter in confidence to one of his wives (Hafsah), so when she told it (to another i.e. ‘A’isha), and Allah made it known to him, he informed part thereof and left a part. Then when he told her (Hafsah) thereof, she said: “Who told you this?” He said: “The All-Knower, the All-Aware (Allah) has told me (3) If you two (wives of the Prophet , namely ‘A’isha and Hafsah) turn in repentance to Allah, (it will be better for you), your hearts are indeed so inclined (to oppose what the Prophet likes), but if you help one another against him (Muhammad ), then verily, Allah is his Maula (Lord, or Master, or Protector, etc.), and Jibreel (Gabriel), and the righteous among the believers, and furthermore, the angels are his helpers.(4) It may be if he divorced you (all) that his Lord will give him instead of you, wives better than you, Muslims (who submit to Allah), believers, obedient to Allah, turning to Allah in repentance, worshipping Allah sincerely, fasting or emigrants (for Allah’s sake), previously married and virgins.(5) “ ( At Tahrim: 3-4-5)

But he (PBUH) was merciful and the more he was mistreated the more he was patient.



## The loyalty of the Prophet (PBUH) towards his Wives

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was immensely honorable and loyal to his wives especially to Lady Khadija may Allah be pleased with her. Although Lady 'A'isha never saw Lady Khadija and was never harmed by her, she said: "I have never been more jealous of a wife of the Prophet than I was of khadija because the Prophet (PBUH) mentioned her and praised her a lot." 'Narrated by Al Bukhary'

The loyalty of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to his wives was clear when the "verse of choosing" was revealed:- {O you Prophet, say to your spouses, "In case you would (like) the present life (Literally: the lowly life, i.e., the life of this world) and its adornment, then come, and I will allow you (the necessary) enjoyment and will release you a becoming release}(Al Ahzab:28)- first he went to Lady 'A'isha and told her that he will tell her something and that she should not rush to make a choice until she discusses it with her parents. Considering that she was young, he was worried that she would choose worldly pleasures and lose this life and the hereafter. But she knew what was good for her more than her parents. She told the Prophet (PBUH): "Do you want me to discuss this with my parents? I choose Allah, His Prophet, and the hereafter."

After Lady 'A'isha had made her choice she asked the Prophet not to reveal it to any of the other women. He told her that Allah had not sent him obstinate but a tutor and a facilitator and he shall tell any of his wives if they ask. Then he went to tell his other wives and reported what Lady 'A'isha may Allah be pleased with her had chosen.

They all chose Allah, His Prophet, and the hereafter. They had the great manners of the Prophet (PBUH) and so chose what he chose and like him they abstained from pursuing worldly pleasures and only wanted the hereafter.



## The Prophet's Dealing Justly with his Wives

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Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) dealt justly with his wives. He loved them and showed his feelings towards them. He was also patient and loyal with them. His actions were arising from sense of responsibility and because Allah Almighty created him righteous and equitable by nature.

Lady 'A'isha (may Allah be pleased with her) said that the Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) never preferred one wife over another and he used to see all of them in their homes everyday even though he spent the night with one only.

He was constant in his equitable treatment of his wives despite the changes in his conditions. He remained the same whether he was traveling or present at home. When he had to travel he would choose without personal preference - (by drawing straws) which wife would accompany him.

He used to spend one day and one night with each wife except when Lady Sauda Bint Zam'a reached old age and no longer had sexual desire. She dedicated her day and night to Lady 'A'isha (may Allah be pleased with them). In this way, Lady Sauda was also seeking to please the Prophet (peace be upon him).

Another example of how the Prophet (peace be upon him) dealt justly with his wives was that when he married a non-virgin he would stay with her for three nights so that she would not feel lonely. After that, he would spend the same amount of time with her as his other wives. When he (peace be upon him) married Um Salama, he said to her: "There is no lack of estimation for you on the part of your husband. So, if you desire I can spend a week with you, and if you like I may spend three (nights) and then I will visit you in turn." She said: "Spend three (nights)." Narrated by Muslim.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) treated his wives equally even during his last days when he was very ill. He used to go to each of his wives in her turn. Lady 'A'isha (may Allah be pleased with her) said that when the Prophet (peace be upon him) became very sick he asked his wives for permission to be nursed at my house. Naturally, they agreed.

In another narration, Lady 'A'isha (may Allah be pleased with her) said that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to ask in his last days: "Where should I be tomorrow?" He was hoping that it would be the turn of 'A'isha. His wives permitted him to stay wherever he wanted. He stayed with Lady A'isha until he died and he died in her arms.

Although the Prophet (peace be upon him) treated his wives with perfect equity in what he could control, he apologized to Allah Almighty that he could not be equitable in what he could not control; meaning, the feelings in his heart. Lady 'A'isha (may Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) used to treat his wives equally, and say: "O Allah, this is how I divide what I can control. O Allah, do not blame me for what you control and I cannot control." Abu Dawoud said: "Prophet Muhammad meant what is in his heart." And it was said that it is love and cordiality as interpreted by Al Termithi. what is meant, is that Allah Almighty controls our feelings and hearts and made the love of Lady A'isha (may Allah be pleased with her) greater in the heart of the Prophet (peace be upon him) than the love of any other woman. Indeed, he could not control that.

As our feelings are out of our hands and are in the hands of Allah; men who are married to more than one wife are not obliged to love each wife equally, but they are bound to be equal in spending time with them and paying for their expenses. The Prophet (peace be upon him) implored Allah Almighty to forgive him for loving Lady 'A'isha more. Allah Almighty says: "And the ones who bring whatever they bring with hearts tremulous that they are returning to their Lord." (Al-



Mu'minun: 60)

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) stressed the importance of dealing justly with wives because otherwise on the Day of Judgment the man will be severely punished.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the best example for the faithful believers. Allah Almighty says: "Indeed, you have already had a fair example, in the Messenger of Allah, for whoever hopes for Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much." (Al-Ahzab: 21)

The words and actions of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) are legislations guiding his 'Umma' (nation) to the right path. We should follow in the footsteps of the Prophet (peace be upon him) except for the actions intended by Allah Almighty to be for him alone.



## The Prophet Urged Men to Keep a Good Company with their Wives

Prophet Muhammad – peace be upon him – has guided his people to keep good company with their wives by word and deed, and there are many traditions of our Prophet Muhammad – peace be upon him – in this regard, and here are some of them:

1- Al Bukhary & Muslim narrated that Abu Hourayrah – may Allah be pleased with him – reported that Prophet Muhammad – peace be upon him – said: «Treat women kindly, they were created from a rib, and the most crooked part of the rib is the highest part thereof; so, if you tried to rectify the rib it will be broken and if you left the rib as it is, it will remain crooked, and women are like this; therefore treat them kindly». There is another narration to the same tradition by Muslim stated: «Women have been created from a rib. She will never be straightened up in the way you wish. If you enjoyed her companionship, then do it with that crookedness, as If you tried to rectify her she will be broken and breaking her means divorcing her.”

The Prophet – peace be upon him – directed men not only to treat women kindly, but also demonstrated their reality to convince men to accept his precious advise, because if the men realized that women are crooked by nature, then they should be patient with women knowing that they cannot be straightforward always, and knowing that they are acting by their very nature; therefore, insisting on the straightforwardness of woman to the ideal level was a point of surprise for the poets, and some of them said:

The Woman is like a crooked rib which cannot be rectified; thus, trying otherwise will break such rib.

Another poet said:

The one who tries to use things beyond their nature is like the one who seeks a torch in water.



2- Prophet Muhammad – peace be upon him – repeated this commandment in several occasions. In the last pilgrimage (Hijjat Al Wadda), our Prophet – peace be upon him – devoted an essential part of his great sermon to this commandment and said: «Treat women kindly, they are captives in your houses, you have no way except to treat them kindly unless they commit a clear-cut abomination, in which case, desert them in the bed, if not feasible, strike them gently but do not cause them any harm, thereafter, if they obeyed you, do not wrong them. You have a right on your wives and your wives have a right on you; your right on them is that they should keep your honor and do not allow any person to enter your houses if you do not like them to enter, and their right on



you is to treat them kindly and provide them with clothing and food». Narrated by Muslim.

The Prophet – peace be upon him reiterated his commandment for woman because he knows well their nature. This nature cannot be tolerated by some of the men who do not have control on themselves when they got angry; thus, their intolerance on the crookedness of women leads them to divorce them; consequently, they lose their wives and scatter their families.

Therefore, the Prophet – peace be upon him – guided Muslim husbands in another tradition to the right way of dealing with their families by saying:

3- «The faithful husband should not hate his faithful wife, because if he hates certain manner in her character, then he should not forget the other good manners in her character.”

Narrated by Muslim.

4- The Prophet – peace be upon him – said also: «Those who are the best believers are those who have the best manners and the most kind to their families.”

Narrated by Al Tirmithi and others.

5- The Prophet – peace be upon him – said also: «The best of you is the best to his family and I am the best of you to my family».

6- The Prophet – peace be upon him – said also: «Anything not involving the extolment of Allah is vanity or negligence except four things: exercising shooting, training the horse, playing with his family and learning swimming».

Narrated by Al Nasa'i.

There are plenty of traditions urging the Muslims to have good manners with their families and relatives.

Muhammad – peace be upon him – Disciplines his Wives if Necessary True, the Prophet – peace be upon him – was all the time treating his wives – mothers of the believers, may Allah be pleased with them – kindly and compassionately but this was not the case all the times; because the Prophet – peace be upon him – was wise & prudent, and was taking the right action at the right circumstances; therefore, if the kind treatment was feasible and useful, then he will never hesitate to treat them kindly, but if discipline, prevention and desertion were more appropriate, then he will apply it. A poet said in this regard:

Patience and Forbearing will not be feasible or useful if there were no



determination and strictness.

Women are by nature crooked, tending to their sentiments and need always to be educated, cultivated and disciplined; therefore, Allah Almighty has assigned this responsibility to the men by saying: {Men are the ever upright (managers) (of the affairs) of women for what Allah has graced some of them over (some) others and for what they have expended of their riches. So righteous women are devout, preservers of the Unseen. And the ones whom you fear their non-compliance, then admonish them and forsake them in their beds, (Literally: a madajic= reclining) and strike them, (i.e. hit them lightly) yet in case they obey you, then do not seek inequitably any way against them; surely Allah has been Ever-Exalted, Ever-Great} An-Nisa': 34.

The Prophet – peace be upon him – has applied this manner with his family in order to teach Muslims the right way of education and discipline as he taught them to be kind and forbearing with their families.

When the wives of the Prophet – peace be upon him – asked him for spending on them more than the normal limits and wanted to enjoy more pleasures and delights in this transitory life beyond what the Prophet – peace be upon him – determined and elected to himself, he deserted them for one month until Allah Almighty revealed this verse on him: {O you Prophet, say to your spouses, «In case you would (like) the present life (Literally: the lowly life, i.e., the life of this world) and its adornment, then come, and I will allow you (the necessary) enjoyment and will release you a becoming release – And in case you would (like) Allah and His Messenger and the Last Home, then surely Allah has prepared for the fair-doers among you a magnificent reward} (Al-Ahzab: 28-29);

Therefore, the Prophet – peace be upon him – gave them the choice either to stay with him with the minimum necessary to support living or separation; so, they elected to obey Allah Almighty and his Prophet – peace be upon him – as mentioned before in the narration of Anas, Um Salama and Abdullah Bin Abbas in Al Bukhary & Muslim.

The Prophet – peace be upon him – was like this if the matter required determination in treating his wives, such as in case of commit-



ting any religious mistake which cannot be disregarded, in which case, the Prophet – peace be upon him – denounce such mistakes without taking any regard to anything except the pleasure of Allah Almighty; therefore, he was using several methods such as preaching, instructing, frightening and getting angry according to the circumstances of each case.

All of this proves the sublime morals, manners, and wisdom of the Prophet – peace be upon him – as he was taking the right action in the right circumstances.



## The Prophet's Emotions toward his Wives

Looking attentively to the biography of the Prophet – peace be upon him – you will find that he was extending a great deal of respect to his wives and was paying high attention, care and love towards them.

He was the best example for the ideal manners towards the wife. He was comforting his wives, wiping their tears, respecting their emotions, hearing their words, caring for their complaints, alleviating their sadness, going in picnics with them, racing with them, bearing their abandonment, discussing matters with them, keeping their dignity, supporting them in emergencies, declaring his love to them and was very happy with such love. Here are some attractive examples and shining moments in his life:

### Knowing their Feelings

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – was telling 'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her: «I know well when you are pleased or angry with me. ' A'isha replied: How do you know that? He said: When you are pleased with me you swear by saying «By the God of Mohammad» but when you are angry you swear by saying «By the God of Ibrahim.» She said: You are right, I just desert your name. In another narration the same tradition ended by saying: «No, by the God of Ibrahim.»

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree:

Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2439



## Understanding their Jealousy & Love

Um Salama – May Allah be pleased with her – narrated: she brought food in a dish of her own to the Prophet – Peace be upon him – and his companions. Seeing that, ‘A’isha came holding a tool and broke the dish out of jealousy. Understanding the situation, the Prophet took the two halves of the dish and said to his companions: Eat your food, it is just the jealousy of your mother, then the Prophet took the dish of ‘A’isha and gave it to Um Salama and gave the dish of Um Salama to ‘A’isha.

Narrated by: Um Salama – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Sahih Al-Nasa'i – Page or number: 3966

## Understanding their Psychology & Nature

The Prophet – peace be upon him – said: «Treat women kindly, they were created from a rib, and the most crooked part of the rib is the highest part thereof; so, if you tried to rectify the rib it will be broken and if you left the rib as it is, it will remain crooked, and women are just like this; therefore treat them kindly».

Narrated by: Abu Hourayrah – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 3331

This tradition is not for dispraising women as understood by the public, on contrary, it is for teaching and educating men. Moreover, this tradition expressed the accurate understanding of the nature of women and indicated the possibility of leaving the woman as it is in the permissible things but to guide her if she exceeded the permissible limits such as doing the sins and neglecting the duties.

## Complaining to them & consulting them

The Prophet – peace be upon him – has consulted his wives in the most delicate and important matters such as consulting his wife Um Salama – May Allah be pleased with her – in Al-Hudaibia Treaty. The



Prophet – Peace be upon him –has written the treaty between him and the polytheists of Quraish in Al-Hudaibia region, in the Hudaibia year and told his companions: Go to make immolation and shave, but no one responded. The Prophet – peace be upon him – repeated that three times but still no one responded to him. Then the Prophet – Peace be upon him – went to Um Salama and told her about the matter. Hearing that, Um Salam said: O Prophet of Allah, just go and don't speak to any one until you make your immolation and shave. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – went out and did not speak to any one until he did the same. Seeing that, the companions stood and make their immolation and began shaving for each other to the degree that some of them was about to kill the other out of their grief.

Narrated by: Um Salama Hind Bint Abi Umayyah – Degree: successive – the narrator: Ibn Jarir Al-Tabari – The Source: Tafsir Al-Tabari – Page or number: 2/293

### Demonstrating his Love & Loyalty to them

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – told 'A'isha in the long tradition of Um Zara» narrated by Al-Bukhari: "I am in my love and loyalty to you just like Abu Zar'a and Um Zar'a» , 'A'isha replied: You are dearer to me more than my father and mother, you are even more loyal and loving than Abu Zar'a to Um Zara».

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 5189

### Choosing the Best Nicknames to them

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – was calling 'A'isha: O 'A'ish (nickname of 'A'isha), this is Jebril (Angle of revelation) telling you the greetings. 'A'isha said: May peace and blessings be upon him, you (The Prophet) see what I can't see. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – was calling 'A'isha «Al-Humairaa» (i.e. white-skinned woman that have



blushing cheeks).

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right attribution – the narrator: Ibn Hajar Al-'Asqalani – The Source: Fateh Al-Bari of Ibn Hajar – Page or number: 2/515

### Eating & drinking with them

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – said: When I drink water from the pot while in menstruation period and give the pot to the Prophet – Peace be upon him – he drinks from the same place which touched my mouth, moreover, during menstruation, I was eating from the piece of meat and giving the same to the Prophet – Peace be upon him – and the Prophet puts his mouth in the same place of mine.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 300

### Not Complaining of their Circumstances

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – said: I was combing the hair of the Prophet – Peace be upon him – while in menstruation.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 295

### Leaning & Sleeping in their Laps

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – said: the Prophet – Peace be upon him – used to lean on my lab while I am menstruating and read Quran.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 297

### Going on Picnics & Accompanying Them

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – was casting lots between his wives



when he wants to go out. Once, the Prophet cast a lot between his wives and the lot was the share of 'A'isha and Hafsah together. At night, the Prophet walks with 'A'isha and speaks to her. Knowing that, Hafsah told 'A'isha: Why don't you ride on my camel and I ride yours and see what happens? 'A'isha replied: okay. Then 'A'isha rode the camel of Hafsah while Hafsah rode the camel of 'A'isha. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – then went to the camel of 'A'isha while Hafsah was the one riding it, greeted her and walked together until they got down. Seeing that, 'A'isha felt jealous and tried to put her leg between the lemon grass and say: O my Lord, send a scorpion or a sneak to sting me, this is your Prophet, and I can't say anything to him.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2445

### Helping them in the Household Duties

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – was asked about the manners of the Prophet in his home? She replied: He was helping in doing the family duties and when he hears the call of prayers he goes out.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 5363

### Depending on himself to relieve them

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – was asked about the manners of the Prophet – Peace be upon him – in his home? She replied: He used to wash his clothes, milk his ewe, and serve himself.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Sahih Al-Jame' – Page or number: 4996

She said also: he used to sew up his clothes, clean his shoes, and do what men generally do in their homes.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Sahih Al-Jame' – Page or number: 4937



## Tolerating for their Happiness

‘A’isha narrated that Abu Bakr – May Allah be pleased with them – entered to her home while two young girls were striking on the tambourine and signing ,and the Prophet – Peace be upon him – was laying and covering himself with his clothes. Seeing him, the Prophet uncovered his face and told him: O Abu Bakr let them continue, it is Eid days (festival). The said days were Mina Days and the Prophet – Peace be upon him – was in Medina.

Narrated by: ‘A’isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Al-Sahih An-Nasai – Page or number: 1596

## Treat them fairly while Angry

Once, ‘A’isha was angry with the Prophet – Peace be upon him – So, he told her: Do you accept Abu ‘Ubaida Bin Al-Jarrah as a judge between us? She replied: No, this man will not issue a judgment against you in my favor. He said: Do you accept Omar as a judge? She replied: I fear Omar. He said: Do you accept Abu Bakr (her father)? She replied: Yes I accept him.

## Calm Them Down In Panic

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – was putting his hand on the shoulder of his wife when she is angry and saying: «O Allah, forgive her sins, relieve her heart from rage and protect her from distress.”

## Giving Presents and Showing Affection to their Friends

‘A’isha – May Allah be pleased with her – said: I have not ever been jealous of any woman more than Khadijah in spite of not seeing her. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – if he slaughtered a sheep, he used to say: Send it to the friends of Khadijah.” One day I made him angry; I said: Khadijah? The Prophet – Peace be upon him – said: «I was en-

dowed with her love.” Another narration for this tradition ended in the story of the sheep without the remainder.

Narrated by: ‘A’isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2435

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Narrated by: ‘A’isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Sahih Al-Jame` – Page or number: 4722

### Praising & thanking them

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – said: The rank of ‘A’isha to the other women is like the rank of the porridge to the other foods.

Narrated by: Anas Bin Malek – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2446

### Feeling Happy when they are Happy

‘A’isha – May Allah be pleased with her – narrated that she was playing with the dolls when she was with the Prophet – Peace be upon him. She added: My friends used to come to visit me and they were feeling shy of the Prophet – Peace be upon him – but he was letting them in to me. In another narration in the tradition of Jarir: I was playing with dolls while in his home.

Narrated by: ‘A’isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2440.

### Feeling Pleased when they are Glad

‘A’isha – May Allah be pleased with her – said: Once, the Prophet – Peace be upon him – came from a battle and there was a cover for my dolls in my room. The wind uncovered the dolls. Seeing that, the prophet said: What is this? She replied: my daughters. He said: What is the thing between them? She replied: it is a horse. He said: What is



this thing on the horse? She replied: they are two wings. He said: A horse with two wings!! She replied: didn't you hear that Sulaiman bin Dawood – Peace be upon them – was having horses with wings? The Prophet then laughed until his molars appeared.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Ghayat Al-Maram – Page or number: 129

### Expressing his Love to them

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – said: I have not been ever jealous of any woman more than Khadijah in spite of not seeing her. If The Prophet – Peace be upon him – Slaughtered a sheep he says: Send it to the friends of Khadijah." One day I made him angry; I told him: Why Khadijah! The Prophet – Peace be upon him – said: «I was endowed with her love." Another narration for this tradition ended in the story of the sheep without the remainder.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2435

### Considering her Best Manners

«The faithful husband should not hate his faithful wife, because if he hates certain manner in her character, then he should not forget the other good manners in her character.»

Narrated by: Abu Hourayrah – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 1469

### Keeping Their Privacy

«The worst rank for a man at the day of judgment is the rank of the man who sleeps with his wife and then discloses her privacy.»

Narrated by: Abu Saeed Al-Khudri – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 1437



## Refraining from Beating or abusing them

«The Prophet – Peace be upon him – had never beaten any woman, any servant or anything with his hand other than fighting in the way of Allah Almighty. He does not take revenge from anyone harmed him except when breaching the orders of Allah Almighty, at which case, he takes revenge».

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2328

## Consoling & Wiping their Tears

Safeyah – May Allah be pleased with her – was traveling with the Prophet – Peace be upon him – and it was then her turn to travel with him. She was slow in walking. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – received her while crying and saying: You gave me a slow camel. Seeing that, The Prophet – Peace be upon him – wiped her eyes with his hands and consoled her.

Narrated by An-Nasa'i.

## Putting the Bite in her Mouth

The Prophet – Peace be upon him said: «Anything you expend seeking the pleasure of Allah Almighty, you will be promoted with it to a higher degree in paradise, even if it is the bite you put in the mouth of your wife.»

Narrated by: -- – Degree: Right – the narrator: Ibn Taymiyyah – The Source: Majmou' Al-Fatawa – Page or number: 10/31

## Fulfilling their Needs

«O Prophet of Allah what are the rights of one's wife? He said: To feed her when you eat, clothe her when you clothe, don't beat her face, don't abuse her, and don't desert her except in home.»

Narrated by: Mu'awiah Bin Haida Al-Qushairi – Degree: Stated in the



introduction that it is «Right» pursuant to the standards of some narrators – the narrator: Ibn Daqiq Al-Eid – The Source: Al-Elmam – Page or number: 2/655

### Trusting them

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – prohibited men from knocking the door of their families at night trying to charge them with treason or follow their mistakes. In another narration, he did not mention «Trying to charge them with treason or follow their mistakes.”

Narrated by: Jaber Bin Abdullah – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 715

### Checking on her and asking about her

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – was visiting his eleven wives within a short period of time, at night or in the day. I said to Anas: Was he bearing that? Anas said: He has the power of thirty men.

Narrated by: Anas Bin Malek – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 268

### Respecting her during Menstruation

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – used to make love with his wives above the loincloth while in menstruation.

Narrated by: Maimona Bint Al-Hareth – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 294

### Accompanying her in Travel

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – was casting lots between his wives when he wants to travel then he takes the one who wins the lot. He cast a lot between us in one of his battles and it was me who won it; therefore, I went with the Prophet – Peace be upon him – after the



revelation of Al-Hijab (veil) verse.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2879

## Racing & Playing with them

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – narrated that she was accompanying the Prophet – Peace be upon him – in travel while she was a young girl. She said I was still slim. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – told his companions to go forward. They went forward. Then he told me: come, I want to have race with you. We started the race and I won. After a period of time, I went in travel with him and he said to his companions go forward. The companions went forward and then he told me: come to have a race with you. At that time, I forgot the former race and I was fat. I told him: how can we race while I am in this situation? He replied: you will do it. Then we started the race and he won. He laughed then and said: tit for tat.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: his attribution is right – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Adab Al-Zafaf – Page or number: 204

## Choosing the Best Nicknames for them

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – said to the Prophet – Peace be upon him: O Prophet of Allah, all of your wives have nicknames except me. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – replied: take the name of your son Abdullah (i.e. Abdullah bin Al Zubair), your nickname now is Um Abdullah. The narrator said: She was called Um Abdullah until she died though she has not ever given birth.

Narrated by: Orwa Bin Al-Zubair – Degree: Right attribution – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Al-Silsila Al-Sahiha – Page or number: 1/255



## Sharing Happiness and Joy with them

‘A’isha – May Allah be pleased with her – narrated: By Allah Almighty, I saw the Prophet – Peace be upon him – standing at the door of my room and the Abyssinians were playing with their bayonets in the mosque of the Prophet – Peace be upon him – while he was covering me with his gown so that I can see them playing and was waiting for me until I finish by my own will. So, try to consider the desires of the young girls, they like playing.

Narrated by: ‘A’isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 892

116691- ‘A’isha narrated: I saw the Prophet – peace be upon him – at the door of my room and the Abyssinians were playing in the mosque and the Prophet – Peace be upon him – was covering me with his gown so that I can watch them playing.

Narrated by: ‘A’isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame’ Al-Sahih – Page or number: 454

## Spreading Happiness in his House

‘A’isha – May Allah be pleased with her – narrated: Once, Sawda visited us and the Prophet – Peace be upon him – sat down between me and her, one leg in her lap and the other in mine. I made then Khazira (food) and told her: Eat! She refused. I said: If you don’t eat I will stain your face with Khazira but she insisted not to eat; therefore, I put my hand in Khazira and painted her face. Seeing that, the Prophet – peace be upon him – laughed and gave his share in Khazira to Sawda and told her stain her face; so, Sawda stained my face and the Prophet – Peace be upon him – laughed. Then Omar – May Allah be pleased with him – passed by and called : “O Abdullah, O Abdullah”. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – thought that he will enter so he said to us: Go wash your faces. ‘A’isha said: Since then, I still fear Omar due to the Prophet’s



respect to him.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Good – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Al-Al-Silsila Al-Sahiha – Page or number: 7/363

### Loving & Respecting their Families

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – appointed Amr Bin Al-'As as a leader to Zat Al-Salasil Battle. Feeling the love of the Prophet, Amr asked the Prophet: "Who is the dearest person to you?" He answered: ('A'isha), I said: I mean from men: he replied: (Her father), I said: then who? He said: (Omar), then the Prophet (PBUH) mentioned several men; so, I kept silence fearing to be the last of them.

Narrated by: Abu Othman Al-Nahdi – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 4358

### Keeping their Dignity in Ordeals

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – narrated: When the Prophet – Peace be upon him – wants to travel, he casts a lot between his wives and the one who won the lot will accompany him. At Bani Al-Mustaleq Battle, I won the lot and traveled with him. Women were eating light food and avoid meat in order to move easily. I was sitting in my howdah when we get down for rest and when we want to go, they carry me while in the howdah and put it on the back of the camel and then fasten it with ropes to go forward again.

When the Prophet – Peace be upon him – finished the said travel, he went back to the Medina. By approaching the Medina, he got down and took rest for a short period at night. Thereafter, the people were told to resume walking and they got ready to continue while I was out to relieve nature and I was having a necklace in my neck. When I finished, the necklace fell down from my neck and I did not notice it until I reached to the place of my baggage. At that time, people began leaving while I returned back again to the place I was at, looking for the necklace until I found it. Then, the people who took my camel for



rest returned back and put the howdah on the camel thinking that I am in it as usual and resumed walking. I returned back to the camp and no one was there. All of them have left. Seeing that, I covered myself with my gown and lay down in my place so that when they miss me they can return and find me there. While in that situation (laying down), Safwan Bin Al-Mu'atel Al-Salmi passed by me as he was late for some issues of his, so he didn't stay the last night with the people. He saw my black clothes and approached me – He knew me before the revelation of the Hijab (veil) verse – and said: «To Allah We belong, and to Him is our return, the wife of the Prophet? I was then covering myself with my gown. He said: Why are you left behind? I said nothing. Then he got the camel close to me and said: Ride. He went back a little, so I rode the camel and he guided the camel toward the caravan but we did not reach them and they did not miss me until the morning when they got down for rest. Then, they saw the man guiding the camel I rode. At that moment, the falsehood people fabricated a story and began spreading rumors and the whole camp became convulsed while I knew nothing about the whole matter.

Then we reached Medina and I was very sick and no one is telling me what is going on. Then the matter reached the Prophet – Peace be upon him – my parents and none of them mentioned anything to me, but I wondered then about the way with which the prophet was treating me while I was sick because when he enters my room while my mother is nursing me he just says: How are you? And he says nothing else. Seeing that, I felt angry of his disaffection and told him: May I go to my mother's? He replied: No problem. Then I went to my mother and knew nothing about the whole matter. About twenty days later I recovered. At our era, we were not having toilets like the non-Arabs. We hate it. We were just going to the free spaces in the Medina and the women were going out every night to relieve nature. One night, I went out with Um Mustah to relieve nature.

At the way, she stumbled with her clothes and said: Woe to my son Mustah. I said to her: It is not good to speak like this about a man like your son, he is one of the immigrants, and he has witnessed Bader



Battle! Um Mustah said: Don't you know the recent news? I said: What happened? She told me about the rumors made by the falsehood people. I asked her: Is it really this? She said: yes. Hearing that, I was not able even to relieve nature and went back to home. I continued crying till I felt my liver will be broken out. I said to my mother: May Allah forgives you, the people are speaking ill about me and you did not mention anything about it to me? My mother said: My dear daughter, don't take it so hard; this usually happens to any beautiful woman loved by her husband who has other wives because the other wives and people will speak a lot about her out of their jealousy." She said : The Prophet – Peace be upon him – then delivered a sermon to the people – I did not knew about that then – and said: «O people, why some group of you are speaking ill about my family and telling lies about them? I swear by Allah Almighty that my wife is good and chaste. Moreover, they also spoke ill about a man who is straightforward. That man did not enter my house except in my company." Hearing that, Abdullah Bin Ubai and some men of Al-Khzraj tribe got angry and the matter became complicated after what was told by Mustah and Hamna Bint Jahsh, the sister of Zainab Bint Jahsh, the wife of the Prophet – Peace be upon him – because she was the only wife who compete with my rank with the Prophet. Zainab spoke only well about me but her sister Hamna spread ill rumors about me. When the Prophet – Peace be upon him – delivered the above mentioned sermon, Usaid Bin Khudair said: O Prophet of Allah, if they (The people who spoke ill about your family) are from Al-Aws tribe we will kill them and if they are from our brothers in Al-Khzraj tribe, just order us and we will cut their necks. Hearing that, Saad Bin 'Ubada (Head in Al-Khzraj tribe and was considered of the righteous men) said out of ardor: I swear by Allah that you are lying, we will not allow you to cut their necks, you just said like that because you know well that they (Who spoke ill about the Prophet's family) are from Al-Khzraj tribe, and if they were from your tribe you will not speak like this about them. Usaid replied: I swear by Allah that you are the liar; you are just a hypocrite man defending the hypocrite people. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – got down from his stand and called



Ali Bin Abi Taleb and Osama Bin Zaid – May Allah be pleased with them – in order to consult them.

Osama spoke good and said: O Prophet of Allah, She is your wife and we know nothing but good about them and these rumors are lies and false. Ali said: O Prophet of Allah, women are many, you can marry again, and you can ask her maid, she will not lie. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – called Brira (the maid) and asked her about the matter. Ali has beaten her severely while saying: speak the truth to the Prophet! The maid was saying: I swear by Allah that I know nothing but good about 'A'isha except that when I knead the dough I tell her to take care of it, but she sleeps and forgets it, so the sheep comes and eat it! Then 'A'isha said: the Prophet – Peace be upon him – entered to my room while my parents were with me. There was also a woman from Al-Ansar (People who supported the Prophet) crying with me. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – sat down, praised Allah then said: O 'A'isha, you knew what the people are saying, be pious, and if you committed any thing of what is said by the people just repent to Allah. Allah will accept the repentance. Hearing that, I did not find any tears in my eyes (out of my astonishment of the speech of the Prophet) and expected that my parents will answer on my behalf but they did not do so. I was thinking that the Prophet – Peace be upon him – will see a dream proving my innocence but I did not expect that my rank is high to the degree that Allah Almighty will reveal a verse proving my innocence. I told my parents: Can't you answer the Prophet of Allah? They replied: We do not know what to say. The matter was very difficult for Abu Bakr family.

'A'isha said: At that ordeal, the family of my father Abu Bakr suffered more than anyone can bear. Then 'A'isha said: When my parents did not reply, I started crying and said: I swear by Allah I will not repent from what you say at all because if I admit what the people is saying – Though I am innocent – I will be saying what had not happened actually and if I denied, you will not believe. Then I tried to remember the name of the Prophet Ya'qoub (Jacob) but in vain, then I said: I will say just like the father of Yusuf: {for me patience is most fitting: Against



that which you assert, it is Allah (alone) whose help can be sought}. Then the revelation came to the Prophet – Peace be upon him and I put a pillow under his head. I did not fear anything because I am sure that I am innocent but my parents feared that Allah will reveal something proving the sayings of people. Then the Prophet – Peace be upon him – sat down sweating heavily. He started wiping his sweat and said: Be happy 'A'isha, Allah Almighty has revealed your innocence. I said: All praise be to Allah Almighty. Then the Prophet – Peace be upon him – went out and recited the following verses: {Those who brought forward the lie are a body among yourselves: think it not to be an evil to you; On the contrary it is good for you: to every man among them (will come the punishment) of the sin that he earned, and to him who took on himself the lead among them, will be a penalty grievous}.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: The story is right and it is mentioned in Al-Bukhari & Muslim – the narrator: Al-Albani – The Source: Fiqh Al-Sira – Page or number: 288

### **Giving them Time to adorn themselves**

We were getting back from a battle with the Prophet – Peace be upon him – and I was riding on my camel but someone followed me from behind and began urging my camel with a stick; so, my camel went forward quickly more than the best camels. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – said: (Why you are in hurry?). I said: I got married recently. He said: (You married a virgin or non-virgin?). I replied: non- virgin. He said: (Isn't it better to marry a young girl so that you can make fun with each other?). Then, when we went to enter Medina, the Prophet – peace be upon him – said: (Wait until night – i.e. After Al-Isha (evening) – so that women can comb their hair and get ready).

Narrated by: Jaber Bin Abdullah – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 5079

### **Considering their Psychology while in Illness**

The Prophet – Peace be upon him – if one of his family members got sick, he used to reading Al-Falq verse and An-Nas verse on the sick



member of his family and wiping him with his hands. When he got the death sickness, I started reading the said two verses and wiped him with his own hands because they are more blessed than mine.

Narrated by: 'A'isha – Degree: Right – the narrator: Muslim – The Source: Al-Musnad Al-Sahih – Page or number: 2192

### Bringing Good News and Joy to them

Jebril (Angle of Revelation) – Peace be upon him – came to the Prophet – Peace be upon him – and said: O Prophet of Allah, this is Khadija coming holding a pot of food or drink, when she reaches you, tell her the greetings of Allah Almighty and me and tell her that Allah has prepared a house for her in paradise made out of pearls wherein she will enjoy calmness and comfort.

Narrated by: Abu Hourayrah – Degree: Right – the narrator: Al-Bukhari – The Source: Al-Jame' Al-Sahih – Page or number: 3820

'A'isha – May Allah be pleased with her – narrated that the Prophet – Peace be upon him – told her: «Jebril is telling you his greetings» 'A'isha replied: tell him my greetings.

Jabril – Peace be upon him – came to the Prophet – Peace be upon him – and said: O Prophet of Allah, this is Khadija coming holding a pot of food or drink, when she reaches you, tell her the greetings of Allah Almighty and me and tell her that Allah has prepared a house for her in paradise made out of pearls wherein she will enjoy calmness and comfort. The Prophet – Peace be upon him – told these good news to Khadija and he was very happy for her.





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